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October 25, 1967

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The Honorable Elmer B. Staats  
Comptroller General of the United States  
Washington, D. C., 20548

Dear Mr. Staats:

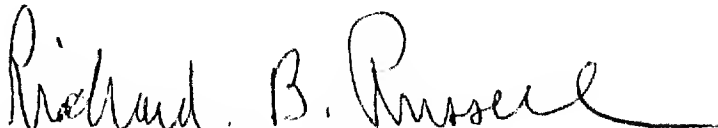
We are familiar with the contents of the letter dated October 3, 1967, from the Director of Central Intelligence proposing for your approval, under the provisions of 44 U.S.C. 374 (1964), a financial records retirement program.

We are also familiar with the fact that the General Accounting Office no longer conducts an audit of the Central Intelligence Agency but, rather, that Agency performs its own under procedures established by the Director.

It is our understanding that the proposed program for the systematic retirement of financial records will be administered generally in accordance with the procedures applicable to Government agencies, particularly as to identification of categories of documents and the application thereto of appropriate records retention periods.

We have no objection if you deem it appropriate to approve the retirement of records of the Central Intelligence Agency under the authority conferred upon you by the above-mentioned statute.

Sincerely yours,

  
Richard B. Russell, Chairman  
Senate Committee on Armed Services

  
Carl Hayden, Chairman  
Senate Committee on Appropriations